

# AMBASSADOR HAROLD W. GEISEL

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| Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois                       |           |
| Johns Hopkins University, University of Virginia           |           |
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| Brussels, Belgium; Budget and Fiscal Officer               | 1971-1972 |
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| State Department; Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary<br>for Logistic Management  | 2000      |
| State Department; Chief, Negotiating Team with Chinese for<br>Embassy construction in Washington and Beijing  | 2001-     |